

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: BEARING ARRANGEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4,5,8,10,11,13,14 and 17 as follows:

4. (Amended) A bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 1 wherein the two parts of each of the bearing assemblies include a female part having a recess or aperture and a male part acceptable into the recess or aperture.
5. (Amended) A bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 1 wherein, at at least one of the said two assemblies the contact is sliding contact.
8. (Amended) A bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 1 wherein at least one of the two parts is formed of a plastics material.
10. (Amended) A bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 1 wherein the contact is rolling contact and the parts include a ball race.
11. (Amended) A bearing arrangement as claimed in claim 1 wherein the resilient displacement of the plane is provided by a resiliently movable female part.